

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and computer program product for reducing colormap flashing on a display system where the display system has a single hardware colormap. The method includes the steps of intercepting a request from an application program for an allocation of a private colormap, and transparently  
5 simulating the allocation of the private colormap using the default colormap. In this manner, colormap flashing is reduced as the default colormap is used to satisfy private colormap requests.

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